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1. It is reported from a large number of Magdeburg factories that a substantial proportion of their workers are ready to take part in a sit-down strike in the event that Foreign Minister Molotov refuses to allow a free election. 25X1
2. The SED Central Committee received a report early in January that "another 17 June" was impending. In consequence of this report, all factories have had SED functionaries employed as night guards. Since 22 January the guard has been strengthened by the addition of labor-union personnel, besides the SED functionaries. For the first time, weapons have been openly furnished to the guards. Furthermore, a secret alarm system has been established for use in connection with the factory siren systems. In an effort to convince the personnel of the necessity of these precautions, reports have been circulated that foreign agents will appear during the period of the Four-Power Conference, and that eight functionaries were attacked in Magdeburg East on 22 January.

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